



Beverley Minster Church of England Primary School



MOBILE PHONE (& RELATED TECHNOLOGIES) ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AGREEMENT FOR PUPILS

Beverley Minster C of E Primary School has drawn up the following Acceptable Use Policy for mobile phones (and related technologies) to provide pupils, parents and teachers with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones during school hours.

Throughout this policy document, the term “mobile phone” should be considered applicable to any portable device.

Rationale

Beverley Minster C of E Primary School recognises that many primary age children, especially those in upper KS2, will have a mobile phone. We also recognise that some parents/guardians request that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for use before and after school.

However, teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions. Therefore the school strongly discourages the bringing of mobile phones to school by students. The school is prepared to allow mobile phones on the premises but only within the parameters of the policy as stated below.

- **Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency the school office is the most appropriate point of contact and will ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in an appropriate way.**
- **In general, pupils should not bring valuable items to school, as they can be easily lost.**
- **Beverley Minster C of E Primary School takes no responsibility for the use/loss/damage of any personal device brought into school.**
- **Mobile phones should not be taken on any school excursions; staff will take mobiles for emergency contact.**
- **There are no reasons why a pupil needs to have in their possession a mobile phone during the school day.**

Students may only bring a mobile phone onto the school grounds if:-

- **Parents have completed the Mobile Phone Permission Slip.**
- **Parents and pupils must have signed the mobile phone acceptable use policy (below).**
- **The mobile phone is handed in at the office before school and collected at the end of the school day. The phones will be secured in the office.**
- **The mobile phone is clearly named.**

Sanctions

Where students fail to follow these guidelines, the following sanctions may be applied:-

- **Confiscation of the mobile phone (collected by parent/other responsible adult at the end of the day).**
- **Communication with parents/guardians regarding mobile phone use at school.**
- **A student being banned from bringing a mobile phone onto the school grounds.**

Inappropriate Use

Generally, a mobile phone will be deemed to have been used inappropriately if it:

- **Disrupts the learning environment in the school.**
- **Threatens, or is likely to threaten, the safety or well-being of any person.**
- **Is used to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.**

Exemptions

Exemptions of this policy can only be approved by the Head teacher and then only in exceptional circumstances.

Policy Pupils & Parent agreements for acceptable use of mobile phones

A register of mobile phone permissions is held in the eSafeguarding Logs.

My parents and I have read the "mobile phone and related technologies AUP" and I agree to follow it.

Pupil Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Pupil Signature _____ Date _____

I have read, discussed and explained the "Acceptable use policy for mobile phones and related devices" to my son/daughter. I understand that pupils will be held accountable for their own actions and will be asked to follow these rules.

I understand that if he/she fails to follow these rules, his/her permission will be withdrawn and I will be informed.

I understand that Beverley Minster C of E Primary School takes no responsibility for the use/loss/damage of any personal device brought into school.

Parent / Carer Signature _____ Date _____

Mobile phone permission

I give permission for my child to have a mobile phone at school

Pupil Name _____ Class _____

Parent / Carer Signature _____ Date _____